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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY LEE KUAN YEW

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW FOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON, I ASKED PM LEE IF HE HAD A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE AND DESCRIBED TO HIM DIFFICULTIES IN THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WHICH PRECLUDED A MEETING FOR THE TWO IN MAY. PM LEE WAS COMPLETELY UNPERTURBED, AND SAID THAT HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN WONDERING WHETHER MAY WAS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO TRY TO MAKE A VISIT IN VIEW OF THE NEWNESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION, AND ADDED THAT HE WAS PERFECTLY WILLING TO WAIT FOR A MORE OPPORTUNE MOMENT. HE COULD PICK UP HIS HONORARY DEGREE AT ANY TIME, HE SAID, THE CONCERNS WHICH HE HAD ON HIS MIND HAD BEEN EASED FROM THE MOMENT HE HAD READ THE CARTER-FUKUDA JOINT COMMUNIQUE. HE MERELY HOPED THAT AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT MIGHT COME IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE.

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2. TIME DID NOT PERMIT ME TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT PM LEE STILL PLANS TO VISIT CANADA, BUT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PICK UP AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM A U. S. INSTITUION NOR DOES HE WISH TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN MAY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HOLDRIDGE

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